

March 14, 1947

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mr. Max W. Ball, Director,  
Oil and Gas Division.

**From:** P. A. McKenna

**Subject:** Survey of twenty-one independent agencies of the Federal Government in regard to their oil and gas activities.

**Reference:** Memorandum of January 27, 1947, re the Department of the Interior's oil and gas activities.

Herewith is transmitted a supplemental report, factual in nature, which has been prepared pursuant to information submitted to the Division in reply to the requests of the Secretary of the Interior under the dates of August 9 and 15, 1946, and information developed by personal interview with assigned representatives and key operating personnel of the agencies concerned. These interviews were conducted on behalf of the Oil and Gas Division by either Mr. Connell, Mr. Fantress, or myself. Most of the work of organizing and drafting into finished form was performed by Mr. Buerdener. Any factual errors, however, are my responsibility.

In the case of the Interior Department report, the individual reports were submitted to the various divisions for approval and corrections. However, in the case of this report the individual reports were not submitted to these agencies, as it was not believed necessary nor in the interests of time-saving to do so.

If you approve, these reports could be edited (mainly by deleting references to personnel and budget) for release to the public. It would also seem to be desirable to have this type of information available in mimeograph form for our Information Section.